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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

DRAFT DECISION

Environment and development

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 88/57 of 1 July 1988, 89/28 of 30 June 1989, 90/20 of 22 June 1990 and 90/34 of 23 June 1990,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1992/14),

1. Notes the growing role of the United Nations Development Programme in the areas of environment and sustainable development, in accordance with its mandate and comparative advantage, and recognizes that the demand for national capacity-building and technical assistance in the areas of the environment is rapidly accelerating;

2. Requests the Administrator: to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's support in these areas to governments of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, at their request, in full collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant

United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and international organizations; and in particular to asssist in building up, or, where necessary, strengthening national capacities to formulate and implement policies and programmes for sustainable development;

3. Requests the Administrator, in collaboration with relevant regional and subregional organizations, in particular regional commissions, to support developing countries in their efforts to enhance regional consultation and cooperation, consistent with the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

4. Urges the Administrator to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the process of identifying, acquiring and applying environmentally sound technologies and building stronger partnerships between the public and the private sectors with a view to facilitating technological cooperation and the transfer of technology;

5. Urges the Administrator to take measures to ensure that environmental concerns are taken into account in all the United Nations Development Programme programmes and projects to the maximum extent possible;

6. Requests the Administrator to provide technical assistance to developing countries, particularly least developed countries, at their request, in reviewing the environmental implications and costs of existing programmes and policies in cooperation with relevant United Nations bodies and taking into account the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

7. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to review the United Nations Development Programme's internal capacity, especially of its field offices, to meet the growing demands of developing countries in the area of sustainable development, taking into account the findings of the 1991 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on this item (JIU/REP/91/2) and the agreed priorities of the United Nations Development Programme;

8. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its special session (1993) specific proposals that may emerge from the review referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision, and from the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the deliberations of the Global Environment Facility participants meeting;

9. Also requests the Administrator, in view of the priority accorded to the combat of desertification and drought in the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to report to the Governing Council at its special session (1993) on proposals on specific ways and means to combat desertification and drought, including strengthening the coordinated operations and the effectiveness of the United Nations system to meet this objective taking into account the role identified for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office by the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

10. Stresses the importance of active and coordinated participation by the United Nations Development Programme and all other relevant United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the implementation of Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

11. Endorses the Administrator's continuing efforts to mobilize resources to support the sustainable development of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, where appropriate, through the round-table process and other existing mechanisms;

12. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to implement fully, without prejudice to decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the issue of finance, its co-management responsibilities in the Global Environment Facility.

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Addendum

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator providing an overall review of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (DP/1992/18);

2. Calls upon the Administrator to continue his efforts to provide development assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. Invites Governments and other donors to expand further their steadfast financial and other support for the activities of the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People.

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Addendum

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that HIV/AIDS is an increasing worldwide problem that jeopardizes the achievements of economic and social development efforts,

Recalling its decision 91/9 of 25 June 1991, in which the Council noted the policy framework for the response of the United Nations Development Programme to the HIV/AIDS pandemic (DP/1991/57),

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/203 of 20 December 1991, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991, and World Health Assembly resolution WHA 45.35 of 14 May 1992,

1. Takes note of the section in the annual report of the Administrator on HIV and Development (DP/1992/12, paragraphs 46-47), and of the establishment of the HIV and Development Programme;

2. Reaffirms the importance of the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme partnership in combating the pandemic;

3. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue and further strengthen collaboration with the World Health Organization, through their respective headquarters and in particular at the country level, within the framework of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS 1992 update, the WHO/UNDP Alliance to Combat AIDS and national HIV/AIDS programmes;

4. Emphasizes strongly the need for increased attention and complementary urgent action at the field level by the United Nations Development Programme and its partners in the United Nations development system, taking into account the mandate and comparative advantages of each organization;

5. Also emphasizes the need to mobilize community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, HIV-related regional institutions, private sector organizations, and other institutions and groups in the planning and implementation of national efforts to address the pandemic;

6. Requests the Administrator to conduct, through the Central Evaluation Office, an assessment of United Nations Development Programme activities to combat HIV/AIDS, beginning with a group of developing countries, with the particular purposes of:

(a) Examining the degree to which the United Nations Development Programme is using the coordinating role of resident representatives to support the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS in the implementation of the Global Strategy and is encouraging national leadership to take a multisectoral and multi-ministry approach to addressing the AIDS threat and the consequences of the pandemic for economic and social development; and

(b) Identifying those activities that have been effective, citing the specific reasons for their success and problems encountered;

7. Further requests the Administrator to review the policy framework for the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the Global Strategy, the results of the 1992 World Health Assembly and the debate in the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS Management Committee in June 1992 regarding the future role of the World Health Organization in combating AIDS and to introduce any refinements necessary;

8. Requests the Administrator to include in his report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) the results of the implementation of this decision.

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Addendum

Matters relating to the fourth and fifth programming cycles

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 92/6 and 92/9 of 14 February 1992,

Taking note of its decisions 92/8 of 14 February 1992 and 92/__ of __ May 1992, which welcomed the new recipient countries,

Reaffirming its decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990,

Noting that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its eighth session, invited the Governing Council to consider adjusting the allocation of indicative planning figures to least developed countries in the light of additions to the list of least developed countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1992/22);

2. Decides that indicative planning figures for future programming cycles shall be formally established as of the first day of each cycle;

3. Decides that country indicative planning figure revisions and indicative planning figures for new recipients shall be allocated in proportion to the number of years remaining in each cycle and shall be considered as having come into effect on the first day of the corresponding year;

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4. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to issue allocations for the fifth programming cycle within the overall planning framework established in decision 90/34;

5. Urges all Governments to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme in line with the planning assumptions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Governing Council decision 90/34;

6. Requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) of the complete list of indicative planning figures for the fifth cycle.

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Addendum

Matters relating to the fourth and fifth programming cycles: follow-up to decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991

The Governing Council,

Requests the Administrator, in the context of paragraph 8 of decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991, on an exceptional one-time basis and where the Administrator decides it is warranted, to extend until 31 December 1992 the period for finalizing the accounts for fourth cycle obligations and payments, for the purpose of calculating fifth cycle entitlements.

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Addendum

Administrator's report: proposals for reform

The Governing Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and General Assembly decision 46/465 of 20 December 1991,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1992/12, of the introductory statement of the Administrator as well as of the views of the members of the Governing Council expressed during the high-level segment,

Appreciates the Administrator's statement as a useful contribution to the forthcoming debate in the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council under the agenda item entitled "How to enhance international development cooperation: the role of the United Nations system".

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Addendum

Multilateral coordination and complementarity

Taking note of the annual report of the Administrator for 1991 (DP/1992/12),

Considering the comparative advantages of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting the role of other development institutions, including international and regional finance institutions,

1. Encourages the Administrator to strengthen further the interaction of the United Nations Development Programme at all levels with other development institutions, including international and regional finance institutions, in order for the institutions to establish the greatest possible coordination, avoidance of duplication and best use of comparative advantage in technical cooperation, within the overall context of the national development priorities of recipient countries;

2. Requests the Administrator to report on this issue to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

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Addendum

New agenda for the development of Africa in the 1990s

Recalling the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, based on the principle of shared responsibility and partnership,

Noting the efforts of African countries in undertaking political, economic and social reforms in a particularly difficult economic environment,

Recalling that Africa receives the bulk of United Nations Development Programme core resources during the fifth programming cycle, and concerned that meeting the needs of new recipients should not be detrimental to existing programmes,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's report (DP/1992/17);

2. Requests the Administrator to work in concert with the United Nations system to implement all the elements of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

3. Calls upon African countries to pursue vigorously their responsibility and commitment under the New Agenda to achieve sustained and sustainable growth and development, to promote cooperation and regional and subregional integration, to intensify the process of democratization, to encourage investment and to integrate population issues into the development process;

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4. Calls upon the international community to assist African countries in their efforts to achieve accelerated growth and human-centred development on a sustainable basis through seeking to find durable solutions to the African debt crisis, providing adequate resource flows, diversification of African economies, enhanced market access, and support of African regional integration;

5. Further calls on the Administrator to encourage the effective and sustainable implementation of the national long-term perspective studies and the African Capacity-Building Initiative, using African expertise as much as possible and in a cost-effective manner;

6. Requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993), providing an analysis of the linkages and relationships among the different initiatives, inter alia, national long-term perspective studies, the African Capacity-Building Initiative, human development strategies, as well as how they relate to the application of the programme approach;

7. Requests the Administrator to work closely with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs to ensure a co-ordinated and effective international response to the devastating drought situation in Africa, especially in eastern and southern Africa;

8. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to support African countries in their efforts to mobilize the necessary resources to implement decisions arising from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development towards sustainable environmental management in Africa;

9. Requests the Administrator to assist in mobilizing additional resources, in particular from consultative groups, round table meetings and co-financing, for programmes in the Africa region during the fifth programming cycle, taking account of the situation of the least developed countries in Africa;

10. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to support regional and subregional cooperation and integration efforts in Africa with a view to establishing a fully functional African Economic Community;

11. Further requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the implementation of the present decision.